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at least 51 percent of its stock unconditionally owned by one or more of these entities, which has its management and daily business controlled by members of an economically disadvantaged Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization, and which meets the requirements of 13 CFR 124.

Women-owned small business concern, as used in this clause, means a small business concern (1) which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women, and (2) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

- (b) The NASA Administrator is required by statute to establish annually a goal to make available to small disadvantaged business concerns, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, minority institutions, and women-owned small business concerns, at least 8 percent of NASA's procurement dollars under prime contracts or subcontracts awarded in support of authorized programs, including the space station by the time operational status is obtained.
- (c) The contractor hereby agrees to assist NASA in achieving this goal by using its best efforts to award subcontracts to such entities to the fullest extent consistent with efficient contract performance.
- (d) Contractors acting in good faith may rely on written representations by their subcontractors regarding their status as small disadvantaged business concerns, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, minority institutions, and women-owned small business concerns.

(End of clause)

[62 FR 36733, July 9, 1997; 62 FR 40309, July 28, 1997]

1852.219-77 NASA Mentor-Protégé Program.

As prescribed in 1819.7215, insert the following clause:

NASA MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM (MAY 2009)

- (a) Prime contractors are encouraged to participate in the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program for the purpose of providing developmental assistance to eligible protégé entities to enhance their capabilities and increase their participation in NASA contracts.
- (b) The Program consists of:
- (1) Mentors, which are large businesses and prime contractors with at least one active and approved NASA subcontracting plan;
- (2) Protégés, which are subcontractors to the prime contractor. Protégés must qualify as certified small disadvantaged business

concerns, women-owned small business concerns, veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, minority institutions of higher education, meeting the qualifications defined in FAR part 2, Definitions of Parts and Term, active NASA SBIR Phase II companies or nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or severely disabled as defined in 41 CFR Chapter 51.

- (3) Mentor-protégé agreements endorsed by the cognizant NASA centers and approved by the NASA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP):
- (4) In contracts with award fee incentives, potential for payment of an award fee for voluntary participation and successful performance in the Mentor-Protégé Program, in accordance with NFS 1819.7208.
- (c) Mentor participation in the Program, described in NFS 1819.72, means providing technical, managerial and financial assistance to aid protégés in developing requisite high-tech expertise and business systems to compete for and successfully perform NASA contracts and subcontracts.
- (d) Contractors interested in participating in the program are encouraged to contact the NASA OSBP, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–2088, for further information.

(End of clause)

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1852.219-79 Mentor requirements and evaluation.

As prescribed in 1819.7215, insert the following clause:

MENTOR REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION (MAY 2009)

(a) The purpose of the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program is for a NASA prime contractor to provide developmental assistance to certain subcontractors qualifying as protégés.

Eligible protégés include certified small disadvantaged business concerns, womenowned small business concerns, veteranowned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, minority institutions of higher education, as defined in FAR part 2, Definitions of Parts and Terms, active NASA SBIR Phase II companies and nonprofit agencies employing the blind or severely handicapped as defined in 41 CFR chapter 51.

(b) NASA will evaluate the contractor's performance on the following factors. If this contract includes an award fee incentive,